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Title                 ) Connection between a Side Rail and a  
                        ) Structural Part of the Front of a Motor Vehicle  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims of the National Stage application as indicated on the attached sheets. Applicants request early and favorable action on pending claims 12-23.